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FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MASAU MARA GAME PARK

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1. SCHEDULING DETAILS FOR SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL EMB IS ABLE TO FINALIZE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO A MASAI VILLAGE. DUE TO MIGRATORY NATURE OF MASAI, EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FINALIZE LOCATION AND TIMING OF VISIT TO VILLAGE UNTIL AFTERNOON OF APRIL 28 AT WHICH TIME WE WILL PROVIDE DETAILS.

2. PRIOR TO BECOMING A GAME RESERVE IN 1961, MASAI MARA WAS WELL KNOWN AS A BIG GAME HUNTING AREA WHICH WAS PARTICULARLY FAMOUS FOR ITS BLACK MANED LIONS, AND CHEETAHS. THE MARA IS A LARGE PLAINS AREA LOCATED ON THE FLOOR OF THE RIFT VALLEY.

3. OTHER ANIMALS SEEN IN THE GAME RESERVE INCLUDE ELEPHANTS, RHINOS, GIRAFFE, WATER BUFFALO, IMPALA, BUSHBUCK, HUNTING DOG, WILDEBEESTE AND VARIOUS TYPES OF ANTELOPES, GAZELLES, LEOPARDS-BUT RARELY SEEM. FLORA BASICALLY CONSISTS OF AFRICA BUSH WITH FORESTED AREAS ALONG RIVERS.

4. KEEKOROK LODGE WAS FOUNDED IN 1962 AND HAS BEEN

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EXPANDED SINCE TO ITS PRESENT SIZE OF 47 DOUBLES

ROOMS, 10 SINGLES, AND 12 LUXURY TENTS. THE WORD
"OROK" COMES FROM THE MASAI LANGUAGE MEANING BLACK PLACE.
THE LODGE IS LOCATED AT 5,256 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND
IS 105 MILES SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR. ROOM NUMBER 41, WHICH
THE SECRETARY WILL OCCUPY, HAS A VERANDA OVERLOOKING A
WATERHOLE THAT WILL PROVIDE THE SECRETARY AN EXCELLENT
OPPORTUNITY FOR GAME VIEWING IN THE EVENING. THE LODGE
CONSISTS OF 14 BUILDINGS PROVIDING SLEEPING ROOMS
AND A MAIN LODGE THAT HOUSES THE DINING ROOM. THERE
IS A SWIMMING POOL AT THE LODGE ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER
MAY BE A BIT TOO COOL FOR SWIMMING. UNDER BLOCK HOTEL MANAGEMENT.

5. PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES OF PARTY THAT WILL ACCOMPANY
SECRETARY INCLUDING NUMBER OF USSS AGENTS, WHCA PER-
SONNEL AND ANYONE ELSE WHO MAY BE GOING ON TRIP ASAP.

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